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Sir:

This is in response to an official action dated November 18, 2005, wherein the pending claims were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a), 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph and second paragraph, 35 U.S.C. §132 new matter objection, and the judicially created doctrine of obviousness double patenting. The applicants respectfully traverse in view of the following amendment and remarks.